

School Board Newsletter

September 2021



Waterview
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*“To foster, to learn, to nurture, to enable full potential”
“Maimoatia, Akonatia, Raupitia, Kia hua aka he pito mata”*

Kia ora, Waterview Primary School students, parents, caregivers and whanau!

COVID-19

The whole nation was again placed into Covid lockdown level 4 in August, as we battle with the new Delta Covid variant. It is looking like this lockdown will continue in Auckland for a while longer with children continuing to be away from school and we would like to remind you that the school is here to support you and your whanau in any way we can, as you face the challenges that lockdown bring. Please reach out if you need help for anything, no matter how big or small.

We would like to thank Brett and all the school staff for their all efforts in staying connected with children, providing support and assistance to the school families and whanau, all the while remaining in their own bubble. We appreciate all that you do for the school community.

Stay connected in lockdown with HERO

We encourage all families to keep in contact with the school through lockdown via the HERO app. Teachers will be using HERO to let you know of any important updates that you need to know during this time. If you are having any issues with the app, please contact Andrea Thomas on andreath@waterview.school.nz and she will be able to help.

New Addition to the School Playground

As part of the Ministry of Education's Special Improvements Project funding for schools, a new playground will be built on the land where the prefabs have been recently removed. The playground is specifically designed for the junior school and will complement the existing playground to cater for all school children. We anticipate Covid related delays to this project commencing but hope that it can be completed before the end of the year.



This is the same design as our new playground but it will also have additional parts including 'monkey bars'.

School Pool

The school pool is now completed, filled with water, and ready for swimming. The start of the summer season is planned to be Labour weekend. We will not be operating a key system for use by school families as the pool will also be available for the wider community to use. We are looking at options on how we will run the pool outside of school hours and will let you know the details when confirmed. There will be pool attendants on duty during opening hours and if there is anyone who is interested in this role and has the relevant lifesaving qualifications or would be prepared to get them, please contact the school.

Official School and Pool Opening

There will be an official opening of the new school pool and both school buildings (Stage 1 and 2) together with the school iwi Te Kawarau ā Maki, towards the end of the year. This will be an opportunity for the school community to celebrate the building work that has been accomplished over the past 9 years.

Enrolling 2022

If you have siblings or whanau that will be starting at the school in the 2022 school year, please notify the school, or go online and pre-enrol now at <https://www.waterview.school.nz/enrolment-and-zone>. This will give the school an idea of next year's school roll to plan for.

Friends of Te Auaunga Oakley Creek Nursery

The Friends of Te Auaunga Oakley Creek are relocating their nursery from the current site at Unitec to Waterview School. The charitable trust was established in 2004 and is working to ensure the stream and its surrounds are protected and restored to their full ecological potential. It is run by volunteers and part of the group's work is to collect and propagate local seeds for planting around Te Auaunga. The nursery will be on a small area of unused school land by Oakley Ave which borders the kindergarten and they will move to the new site in late 2021. There is potential for the nursery and its keen volunteers to provide learning experiences for the whole school.

Ngā mihi,

Margi, Brett, Emma, Surya, Helena and Louise